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FOR AMBASSADOR SAXBE FROM SCHNEIDER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: US-INDIA RELATIONS

1. THE PACE HAS PICKED UP A BIT BUT NOT MUCH OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN DELHI DIRECTLY CONCERNS US. NOW THAT THE CONGRESS MP'S HAVE UNANIMOUSLY DECLARED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MRS. GANDHI, THE NEXT MAJOR EVENT WILL PROBABLY COME EARLY NEXT WEEK WHEN MRS. GANDHI APPEALS TO THE SUPREME COURT AND THE COURT DECIDES ON WHAT KIND OF A STAY ORDER TO ISSUE. WE THINK MRS. GANDHI WILL STICK TO HER OFFICE WHATEVER THE RESULT AND MAY DEFER THE MONSOON SESSION OF PARLIAMENT IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE SUPREME COURT CASE OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE SHE HAS TO FACE THE OPPOSITION IN DEBATE. IT LOOKS LIKE THE CRISIS WILL THEREFORE BE STRETCHED OUT FOR WEEKS AND POSSIBLY MONTHS ALTHOUGH NO ONE IS VERY CONFIDENT ABOUT PREDICTIONS THESE DAYS.

2. DESPITE THE TEMPTATIONS TO STRIKE OUT AGAINST FOREIGNERS DURING THE POLITICAL CRISIS, MRS. GANDHI HAS SAID NOTHING CRITICAL ABOUT THE US. SHE DID TRY TO RIDICULE ONE OPPOSITION MP (PILOO MODY) FOR HIS HAVING WORN A BUTTON SAYING "I AM A CIA AGENT", BUT SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T WISH TO DISCUSS THE CIA AND SHE QUITTED DOWN
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SOME SLOGAN SHOUTERS WHO CHANTED "DEATH TO THE CIA".

WITH ONE EXCEPTION OTHERS HAVE HELD THEIR TONGUES. THE EXCEPTION: ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER S.D. SHARMA SAID SOME VERY STRONG THINGS ABOUT THE US AT A RECEPTION FOR THE PRG CHARGE.

3. THE INDIANS CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT GETTING DOWN TO SUBCOMMISSION WORK AND ARE NOW SUGGESTING THE SUBCOMMISSIONS SHOULD ALL PLAN NEW MEETINGS. TEJA SAYS GONSALVES WILL HAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE DEPARTMENT SOON. WE AGREE WITH WASHINGTON THAT THERE SHOULD BE A COMMISSION MEETING BEFORE THE SUBCOMMISSIONS MEET AGAIN. YESTERDAY CHAVAN SAID CONCILIATORY THINGS ABOUT THE US AND THE COMMISSION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS: HE FAVORED A DIALOGUE WITH THE US. HE SAID THAT THE SUBCOMMISSIONS WERE WORKING FOR THE EVENTUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

4. THE GOI HAS TOLD WHO AND WHO HAS TOLD US THAT INDIA WANTS TO CONTINUE THE MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT BUT WITHOUT US PARTICIPATION. SINCE WHO CAN'T SUPPORT THE PROJECT WITHOUT US MONEY IT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS TURNING THE PROJECT BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, WHICH APPARENTLY WILL CONTINUE IT ON ITS OWN. THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE HAS WORKED OUT WITH THE INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH A RESEARCH PROJECT ON GENETIC CONTROL OF CROP PESTS FOR WHICH THE GOI SCIENTIFIC AGENCIES HAVE REQUESTED OUR SUPPORT. I HAVE HELD UP ACTION ON THIS AND RECOMMEND TO WASHINGTON THAT WE REFUSE TO AGREE TO THE PROJECT BECAUSE OF OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE MOSQUITOES.

5. THERE IS ALSO THE BROADER QUESTION ABOUT HOW THE UNFORTUNATE END OF THE MOSQUITO PROJECT AFFECTS OUR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION GENERALLY; IF WE CAN BE ATTACKED FOR ONE PROJECT WE CAN BE ATTACKED FOR ANOTHER. WE SHOULD SPEAK TO THE INDIANS ABOUT THIS, PERHAPS AT THE COMMISSION MEETING. I DOUBT THAT SHARP WORDS NOW WOULD BRING THE GOI TO OUR PUBLIC DEFENSE ON THE MOSQUITOES SINCE THE LAST THING MRS. GANDHI WOULD DO THESE DAYS IS TO TAKE ON THE MOSCOW COMMUNISTS AND HER OWN LEFTISTS WHO ARE HER GREATEST

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SUPPORTERS IN THE PRESENT CRISIS.

6. I SAW TIKKI KAUL ON TUESDAY; HE HAS DELAYED HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH SINCE MRS. GANDHI IS NOT GOING TO MEXICO. HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT HOW LONG HE PLANS TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON OR WHAT MESSAGE HE PLANS TO TAKE BACK TO THE SECRETARY. HE WILL BE IN GENEVA FROM JUNE 26-28 AND LONDON THEREAFTER AND WOULD MUCH LIKE

TO SEE YOU IN BRUSSELS OR ELSEWHERE WITHIN THAT TIME.
I DID NOT ENCOURAGE HIM BUT SAID I WOULD PASS ON THIS
WORD. WHAT SHOULD I REPLY?

7. THE DEPARTMENT HAS REPEATED TO US A TELEGRAM ON THE
SUPPLY OF THIRTY M-47 TANKS TO PAKISTAN APPARENTLY AS
BRIDGING--NOT GUN--CARRIERS. I MENTION THIS ONLY BECAUSE
WE ARE LEARNING OF IT RATHER LATE IN THE GAME. YOU MIGHT DISCUSS
THIS WITH DENNIS.

8. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE EARLY MOTNING OF
THE 30TH. SCHNEIDER

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